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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

REF: USUN 0843

1. REFTEL REPORTS RESULTS OF ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MARCH 8/9.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FRG, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS AND USG MAKE JOINT DEMARCHES IN APPROPRIATE CAPITALS OF STATES REPRESENTED AT MARCH 8/9 MEETING. DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE ASAP IF THEY ARE TO HAVE EFFECT ON NEXT MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR JOINT DEMARCHE FOLLOW:  
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-- WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT 23 COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MARCH 8/9 MEETING IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP TO UNGA RESOLUTION 32/8. THIS REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO A BROAD RANGE OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTING ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS AND MANY IDEOLOGICAL VIEWS.

-- GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/8 CALLED FOR URGENT ACTION TO BRING ABOUT UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE TOKYO,

THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. WE THEREFORE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO PRESS AHEAD, BALANCING A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL CONDITIONS WITH A FIRM COMMITMENT TO ACTION.

-- AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE MARCH 8/9 MEETING THAT ANOTHER MEETING WOULD BE HELD, AND IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR MARCH 20.

-- WE HOPE THAT AT THE MARCH 20 MEETING, PARTICIPANTS WILL CONFIRM THAT THEY WILL MAKE REPRESENTATIONS FOR

WHICH THEY VOLUNTEERED ON MARCH 9.

-- WE ALSO HOPE THAT STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS WILL AGREE TO DO SO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE WHICH HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED.

-- ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD HOPE THAT STATES WHICH UNDERTOOK TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATES WILL AGREE TO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS.

-- WHILE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAILOR APPROACHES TO NON-SIGNATORY STATES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, WE BELIEVE THAT IN GENERAL IT WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF  
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REPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE JOINTLY RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY. THE GROUP REPRESENTS THE PREPONDERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION INTERESTS. ITS STRONG AND SPECIFIC SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE CONVENTIONS DESERVES TO BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE WEIGHT BY NON-SIGNATORIES.

-- WE HOPE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THE MARCH 20 MEETING WILL BE FULLY INSTRUCTED AND THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT THAT MEETING TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON TALKING POINTS FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO NON-SIGNATORY STATES, WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED ON MARCH 9, AND ON THE DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP TO MAKE THE REPRESENTATIONS IN PARTICULAR CASES.

3. USUN SHOULD DISCUSS TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 WITH DUTCH, GERMANS AND JAPANESE WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON TEXT AND SEEKING APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES FOR JOINT DEMARCHES IN CAPITALS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

4. WE BELIEVE JOINT DEMARCHE SHOULD ALSO BE MADE IN GABON, GHANA AND SAUDI ARABIA INFORMING THEM OF EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION IN MARCH 8/9 MEETING AND EXPRESSING

THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MARCH 20 MEETING. USUN SHOULD ALSO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH DUTCH, GERMANS AND JAPANESE.

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